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SUBJECT: GUINEAN REACTION TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT

REF: STATE 159739

1. BENGALY DABO, POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, MFA, TOOK DCM ASIDE AT SOCIAL EVENT JUNE 29 TO REGISTER "PERSONAL" DISMAY AT VOA'S ALLEGED JUNE 21 BROADCASTS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S CRITICISM OF GUINEAN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. DABO CLAIMED VOA HAD LED LAST WEEK'S "CAMPAIGN" BY OTHER WESTERN RADIOS. BY PLAYING UP AMNESTY'S UNOBJECTIVE REPORT, VOA GAVE GOG IMPRESSION US WAS DELIBERATELY HITTING AT GUINEA AND IGNORING SEKOU TOURE'S MAJOR EFFORT TO RELEASE PRISONERS. GOG WAS PUZZLED AND CONCERNED AT SUCH ATTACK JUST AT TIME WHEN PRESIDENT TOURE HAD RELEASED MORE PRISONERS THAN EVER BEFORE. DABO SAID RELEASE OF ARCHBISHOP TCHIDIMBO HAD BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF FOREIGN PUBLICITY. SUCH PUBLIC HANDLING OF SENSITIVE ISSUES CALLED INTO QUESTION IMPROVED TONE OF RELATIONS WITH US.

2. DCM REPLIED THAT US HAS CONSISTENTLY OPTED FOR QUIET DIALOGUE IN IMPRESSING GOG WITH US CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GENERALLY. US POLICY IS NOT TO ENGAGE IN STERILE PUBLIC POLEMICS BUT TO ENCOURAGE MORE RESPECT
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FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS EVERYWHERE. VOA'S BROADCAST WAS NOT US "CAMPAIGN" AIMED AT GUINEA BUT A NORMAL MEDIA REFLECTION OF LEGITIMATE NEWS EVENTS IN UK. US FULLY APPRECIATES EXTENT PRESIDENT TOURE HAS MOVED TO RELEASE PRISONERS AND WISHES TO ENCOURAGE FURTHER PROGRESS IN GUINEA'S RECONCILIATION PROCESS. US HOPES RELEASES WILL CONTINUE, AS THIS IS BEST MEANS OF

IMPROVING GUINEA'S IMAGE ABROAD AND REFUTING SUCH
REPORTS AS AMNESTY'S.
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